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INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 736
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 9943

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PROTECTIVE SERVICES: TWO AMCIT AIRMEN DETAINED

REF: ASMARA 655 (NOTAL)

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ETHIOPIAN IMMIGRATION, MOFA
AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES RE CASE OF PROCTOR AND KELLEY.
ASMARA AUTHORITIES APPARENTLY REFERRED CASE TO SECURITY
AUTHORITIES IN ADDIS SINCE IMMIGRATION PROFESSED TO KNOW
NOTHING ABOUT MATTER.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM CHIEF OF SECURITY, COL. TEFAYE,
THAT PRINCIPAL HANGUP IN CASE NOW IS THAT DESPITE INTER-
REOGATIONS MENTIONED REFTTEL, ETHIOPIANS STILL DO NOT SEEM
TO KNOW WHO PROCTOR AND KELLEY ARE OR WHO THEY WORK
FOR. WE ARE TOLD THAT ETHIOPIANS CHECKED WITH CIVIL
AVIATION AUTHORITIES IN JIDDA FROM WHENCE MEN BEGAN THEIR
FLIGHT TO ASCERTAIN WHAT FLIGHT PLAN WAS FILED THERE.
JIDDA AUTHORITIES REPLIED THAT THEY DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
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THE TAIL NUMBER OF THE AIRCRAFT. THERE ARE, HOWEVER,

NO CHARGES AGAINST THE TWO MEN. THEY ARE NOT SUSPECTED OF ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY SUCH AS ESPIONAGE. THEY DID HOWEVER ENTER COUNTRY WITHOUT CLEARANCE AND AIRCRAFT IS CURRENTLY IMPOUNDED IN ASMARA. MEN THEMSELVES AS YOU KNOW ARE NOT LOCKED UP AND WERE GIVEN PERMISSION YESTERDAY TO TELEPHONE TO STATES (ETHIOPIANS UNDERSTOOD THEY INTENDED TO CALL "GERALD FORD"). TESFAYE CONFIRMED THAT ASMARA AUTHORITIES HAD ASKED ABOUT TRANSFERRING TWO MEN TO ADDIS. HE SAID HOWEVER HE DID NOT WANT MEN HERE AND THAT THEY WERE TO REMAIN IN ASMARA. LATEST MOVE IN ADDIS AS WE UNDERSTAND IT IS THAT SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE IN EFFECT TURNED OVER CASE TO MAJOR BERHANU BAYEH, HEAD OF PMAC SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR TRANSMISSION TO MOFA WITH REQUEST THAT MOFA ATTEMPT TO GET FROM US THE INFO ETHIOPIANS WANT, I.E., WHO THEY ARE, WHO THEY WORK FOR, AND WE WOULD PRESUME, HOW THEY GOT WHERE THEY ARE. ONCE IN POSSESSION OF INFO, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED QUICKLY ALWAYS ASSUMING THAT PROCTOR AND KELLEY'S STORY WILL STAND UP.

3. WE HAVE NOT YET HEARD FROM MOFA, ALTHOUGH WE DISCUSSED CASE ON PRELIMINARY BASIS WITH DIRECTOR, AMERICAN DIVISION, EVENING AUG 30 BEFORE HEARING FROM SECURITY AUTHORITIES. BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR REQUEST FOR INFO WHICH MAY TAKE SOME TIME FILTERING ITS WAY THROUGH ETHIOPIAN BUREAUCRACY, BUT ATTEMPT TO GIVE ETHIOPIANS THROUGH MOFA WHAT THEY SEEM TO WANT TO KNOW ASAP. SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT YOU TELL PROCTOR AND KELLEY THAT ETHIOPIANS DO NOT SEEM SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF INTERROGATIONS AS REGARDS THEIR OWN PERSONAL DATA, THAT THIS IS CAUSING DELAY IN RESOLUTION OF THEIR CASE, AND THAT THE SOONER WE CAN GIVE ETHIOPIANS WHAT THEY APPEAR TO WANT, THE SOONER THE CASE IS LIKELY BE RESOLVED. PLEASE FORWARD INFO TO US FOR TRANSMISSION TO MOFA.

4. FOR JIDDA AND DEPT: ANY INFO YOU CAN GIVE US ABOUT PROCTOR AND KELLEY COULD BE HELPFUL.
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